HONORABLE RONALD B. LEIGHTON 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT TACOMA 10 LENIER AYERS, Case No. C06-5264RBL 11 Plaintiff, 12 **ORDER** v. 13 HENRI RICHARDS, 14 Defendant. 15 16 THIS MATTER comes on before the above-entitled Court upon Plaintiff's "Appeal" [Dkt. #41] of 17 Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom's Order Denying Motion for Appointment of Counsel [Dkt. #38]. 18 Having considered the entirety of the records and file herein, the Court rules as follows: 19 This matter has been referred to Magistrate Judge Strombom under 28 U.S.C. § 636. Under Fed. R. 20 Civ. P. 72(a), the non-dispositive order of a magistrate judge to whom the matter has been referred for 21 practical matters may be reviewed by the District Court upon the objection of a party. The Court construes 22 Mr. Ayers' "appeal" in this instance to be such an objection. 23 Magistrate Judge Strombom correctly determined that plaintiff is not entitled to the appointment of 24 counsel; therefore, plaintiff's "appeal"/objection is **DENIED**. 25 26 27 28

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

The Clerk shall send uncertified copies of this order to all counsel of record, and to any party appearing pro se.

Dated this 3rd day of April, 2007.

RONALD B. LEIGHTON UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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